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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,868,866
- (2) Japan 5-134398
- (3) Japan 7-74132
- (4) Japan 8-238463

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English-language abstracts for references (2) to (4) are enclosed. Reference (1) is believed to be an English-language counterpart of reference (4). The concise explanation of relevance for references (2) and (3) is believed to be satisfied by their English-language abstracts. The concise explanation of relevance for reference (4) is believed to be satisfied by its English-language abstract or English-language counterpart.

The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a Notice Of Allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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